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SUBJECT : Presidential Priorities

1. In his speech at Notre Dame on May 22, the President gave the following as his five cardinal concerns in foreign policy:

- a. Human rights
- b. Cooperation among the industrial democracies
- c. Improving relations with the USSR and China
- d. Reaching out to the developing nations
- e. Solving global problems.

2. Intelligence is not able to make a uniformly high contribution in each of these areas. For example, in the field of human rights, clandestine sources can occasionally provide unique information about the human rights practices or policies in a given country. Most of our information in this area, however, is derived from relatively open sources and intelligence provides little unique insight. On the other hand, intelligence can and does make a major contribution in the area of relations with the USSR and China, on the economic aspects of cooperation among the industrialized democracies, and on some -- but not all -- of the items the President listed as "global" issues.

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3. With these facts in mind, and giving some emphasis to the nature of intelligence resources for technical and clandestine collection, I have drawn up the attached 18 subjects as being the most promising for intelligence contributions to the Presidential priorities. The NIOs and other experts would be best qualified to draft the specific questions in these broad categories - my language is purely illustrative and is largely drawn from earlier documents.

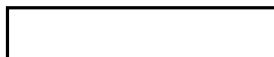
4. Each of these categories can be broken down into far more detailed sub-questions. For instance, in the Soviet strategic forces category, sub-questions might include:

- a. What are the operational qualifications of the Backfire bomber?
- b. Do the Soviets plan to deploy a mobile ICBM?
- c. What are Soviet plans for developing and deploying long-range cruise missiles?
- d. When will Soviet ICBMs pose a severe threat to US missile silos?



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- f. Are the Soviets likely to acquire an effective defense against bombers, SRAMs and cruise missiles?



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Attachment

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